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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of:)
: Examiner: Unassigned
Keiichiro ISHIHARA)
: Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Divisional of U.S.)
: Appln. No. 09/696,000)
: Filed: October 26, 2000)
: Filed: August 20, 2003)
: For: OPTICAL SCANNING) August 20, 2003
: APPARATUS, MULTI-BEAM)
: OPTICAL SCANNING)
: APPARATUS, AND)
: IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

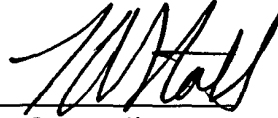
Applicant hereby claims priority under the International Convention and all rights
to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority
Application:

11-308896 Japan filed October 29, 1999.

A certified copy of the priority document was submitted on January 24, 2001 in
parent Application No. 09/696,000, filed October 26, 2000.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Stahl', written over a horizontal line.

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